

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6259  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS  
TAGS: PINS MOPS PINT CG FR UK BE  
SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSION: UK ROLE

REF: A) STATE 125816; B) STATE 126049; C) STATE 126064;  
D) STATE 126065; E) STATE 126070

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED REFTELS A, B AND C WITH  
ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP MANSFIELD AND DEPART-  
MENT HEAD ALLEN MUNRO MORNING OF MAY 18. FOLLOWING  
POINTS EMERGED:

-- THE UK IS NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN INTENDED  
RESCUE OPERATION AND REGARDS THE PLAN AS ESSENTIALLY  
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FRANCO-BELGIAN. BRITISH HAD APPROVED USE OF ASCENCION  
ISLAND AS STAGING POINT BUT LEARNED FROM BELGIANS  
EVENING OF MAY 17 THAT USE OF ASCENCION WAS NO LONGER  
UNDER CONSIDERATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER BRITISH  
PARTICIPATION.

-- BRITISH ARE WILLING TO BE HELPFUL IN LIMITED

RESPECTS SUCH AS BBC ALERT, AND WOULD CONSIDER POL  
SUPPLIES, IF ASKED.

-- BRITISH UNDERSTANDING IS THAT FRENCH ORIGINALLY  
PLANNED INDEPENDENT RESCUE OPERATION AND HAD ALREADY  
DEPLOYED SOME FRENCH PARATROOPERS IN KINSHASA. THEY  
WERE NOT AWARE OF PLANS TO USE CONTINGENTS FROM OTHER  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES. FRENCH PLANS ARE NOW UNDER REVISION,  
HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH BELGIANS.

-- KAUNDA AND ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE SO FAR BEEN  
COOPERATIVE IN PERMITTING EVACUEES TO CROSS INTO ZAMBIA.  
BRITISH HAD NOT HEARD OF FRANCO-BELGIAN PLANS TO  
EVACUATE CITIZENS TO LUSAKA AND/OR NDOLA BUT ASSUME  
ZAMBIANS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL.

-- FCO IS INSTRUCTING SELECTED POSTS IN AFRICA TO  
PLAY "SUPPORTIVE" ROLE IN EXPLANATIONS OF OPERATION.

-- UK CITIZENS AT A DIAMOND MINE NEAR TSHIKAPA  
REPORT ANOTHER KATANGAN INCURSION FROM ANGOLA IN THAT  
AREA. THERE ARE EIGHT UK CITIZENS AT TENKE-FUNGURUME  
WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED BY ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES TO  
DEPART.

2. WE RECOMMEND REFERENCES TO UK PARTICIPATION IN  
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